United Nations A/56/7/Add.5

General Assembly

Distr.: General
12 December 2001

Original: English

Fifty-sixth session
Agenda item 123
Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

Sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25) on estimates in respect of 15 political missions of which the Security Council is seized, as indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the report. During its consideration of the matter, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. The Advisory Committee notes that the report of the Secretary-General is being submitted in the context of actions taken by the Security Council in 2001 regarding good offices, preventive diplomacy and post-conflict peace-building missions on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the report, six of the missions were established before 2000. Resource requirements for those missions were incorporated in the initial appropriation and subsequently in the revised appropriation for the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 53/206 of 18 December 1998. As indicated in paragraph 3, the other nine missions were newly authorized during the course of the biennium 2000-2001.

3. As indicated in paragraphs 74 and 75 of the report, the total cost of the activities described in the report is estimated at $29,519,400. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/233 of 23 December 2000, a provision of $93.7 million (before recosting) has been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for special political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved during the course of the biennium. Accordingly, the Assembly is requested to approve the amount of $29,519,400 against the $93.7 million provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

01-69214 (E) 121201

(A/56/6 (Sect. 3)). During the course of its meeting with representatives of the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee was provided with updated potential estimated charges against the provision for special political missions in 2002, amounting to $62,815,200 (see annex).

4. The Advisory Committee expresses its concern at the submission of a proposal of such a magnitude so late in the sessions of both the Committee and the General Assembly. Such proposals should be submitted earlier in order to enable the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee to thoroughly consider their financial and programme aspects. It is not the intention of the Advisory Committee to restrict the ability of the Secretary-General to react in a timely manner with regard to the missions referred to in his report. However, there are a number of aspects of this matter that require a more detailed review by the Committee.

5. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that this matter be deferred pending a detailed review by the Committee in February 2002 and subsequent action by the General Assembly. In the meantime, the Committee recommends approval of a charge of $8 million against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that, pending consideration of the report of the Secretary-General, no action be taken to fill the additional 41 positions shown in table 2 of the report (A/C.5/56/25), nor should any reclassifications be implemented.

6. During its review of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25) in February 2002, the Committee will consider programme aspects of the estimates for the special political missions. It will also discuss with the representatives of the Secretary-General the interrelationships between the various missions, with a view to identifying potential areas of duplication, as well as issues related to the funding of post-conflict peacemaking and peace-building expenditures in general. Accordingly, for its review in February 2002, the Advisory Committee requests that it be provided with an update of the information contained in the report, as well as programme and financial performance data for the special political missions.

7. **Bearing in mind its comments in the paragraphs above and pending its detailed review of the matter in February 2002, the Committee recommends approval of a charge of $8 million for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 for the 15 missions dealt with in the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25) against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.**

Annex

Potential estimated charges against the provision for special political missions in 2002

	Title of the account	*Estimated requirement (US$ thousand)*	*Budget period covered (years)*	*Current mandate*
	Authorized by the General Assembly			
1	Central American peace process	190.0	1	Not yet
2	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala	15 000.0	1	Not yet
3	United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan: Afghanistan office	9 000.0	1	Not yet
4	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to Myanmar	277.9	1	Third Committee
	Total, General Assembly mandates	**24 467.9**		
	Other (Security Council matters)			
5	United Nations Office in Burundi	7 600.0	1	Not yet
6	Personal Representative of the Secretary-General in southern Lebanon	1 028.9	1	Open mandate
7	United Nations Political Office for Somalia	1 891.1	2	2 years (S/2001/1098)
8	United Nations Office in Bougainville	1 543.4	1	1 year (S/2001/1028)
9	United Nations Office in Liberia	1 835.2	1	1 year (S/2001/982)
10	Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Africa	124.8	1	1 year (S/2001/1032)
11	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region	1 654.5	1	1 year (S/2001/1096)
12	United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau	2 722.7	1	1 year (S/2001/961)
13	United Nations Office in Angola	2 327.0	3.5 months	3.5 months till 15 April 2002 (S/2001/973)
14	Adviser of the Secretary-General for Special Assignments in Africa	1 120.7	1 year 2 months	Request for extension pending with Security Council
15	United Nations Peace-building Support Office in the Central African Republic	4 734.5	1	1 year (S/PRST/2001/25)
16	Monitoring Mechanism in Angola	713.9	1	3.5 months till 19 April 2002 (S/2001/973)
17	Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus	751.5	1	Not yet
18	United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Tajikistan	1 012.6	1	5 months till 1 June 2002 (S/2001/446)
19	Counter-Terrorism Committee	2 126.0	1	Open Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and S/2001/986
20	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan	3 116.8	1	Open (S/2001/937)

	Title of the account	*Estimated requirement (US$ thousand)*	*Budget period covered (years)*	*Current mandate*
21	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa	4 043.7	2	2 years (S/2001/1129)
	Total, Security Council matters	**38 347.3**		
	Total	**62 815.2**		